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BOUCETTA: WESTERN SAHARA

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1. SINCE THE SPANISH-MOROCCAN FISHING AGREEMENT HAS STILL NOT BEEN PUBLISHED IN SPAIN, WE ARE UNABLE TO ADDRESS DIRECTLY BOUCETTA'S ASSERTION (PARA 10 REFTEL) THAT IT ACKNOWLEDGES MOROCCAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THE WATERS OFF THE SAHARA; BUT WE DOUBT THE GOS SHARES THAT INTERPRETATION OF IT.

2. BOTH DURING THE DISCUSSIONS HERE OF THAT AGREEMENT AND MORE BROADLY REGARDING THE EFFECT OF THE NOVEMBER 1975 TRIPARTITE (MADRID) AGREEMENTS, THE CONSISTENT GOS POSITION HAS BEEN THAT

-- SPAIN COULD NEVER TRANSFER SOVEREIGNTY IN THE SAHARA, SINCE IT NEVER HAD IT;

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-- WHAT SPAIN DID TRANSFER (THROUGH THE MADRID AGREEMENTS) WAS ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL;

-- ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OVER A TERRITORY CAN LOGICALLY BE CONSIDERED TO EXTEND INTO THE WATERS OF THAT TERRITORY, WITHOUT IN ANY WAY TRANSFORMING

ITSELF INTO SOVEREIGNTY;

-- THE QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY IN THE WESTERN
SAHARA CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE FREELY EXPRESSED WILL OF THE PEOPLE. STABLER

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